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# MEN ON MISSION

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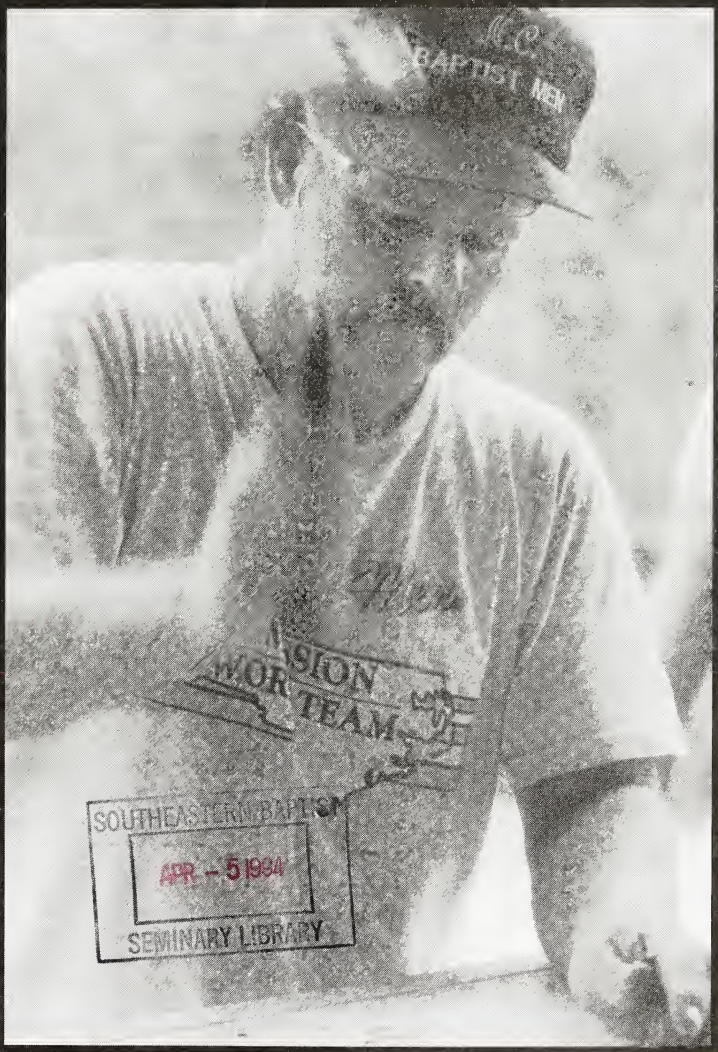


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MEN ON MISSION

**On The Cover**

In this edition of Men On Mission you will find helpful information on construction projects in Ukraine, Camp Mundo Vista, N.C. mission churches and clean-up projects in Florida.


**N.C. Baptist Men Staff**

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

## Can One Person Make A Difference?

RICHARD BRUNSON, NCBM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Don't tell me that one person cannot make a difference. I know better. I knew Jim Marchman. Jim Marchman represented the very best of what N.C. Baptist Men is all about. He was an example of what it means to serve in Christ's spirit. How many lives were touched by Jim Marchman? How many people re-committed their lives to Christ and to missions because of what they saw in Jim Marchman? How many people came to know Christ because of Jim Marchman? How many people's first mission trip was with Jim Marchman?*

**Jim may have helped involve more people in missions than any other one person I have ever known.**

*The purpose of Baptist Men is to help churches involve their members in missions. Jim may have helped involve more people in missions than any other one person I have ever known. He was involved and involved others in his church and his community. Habitat for Humanity was started in Rutherford County due in a large part to Jim's efforts. Jim was also involved in prison ministry in his community and in lay renewal, and overseas missions, and disaster relief. Even in Jim's last days he was still involved in a ministry to Hispanics in the county.*

*Thank you Lord, for sending Jim Marchman, for the life he lived and the example he gave all of us of what it means to serve in Christ's spirit. We dedicate this issue of Men on Mission to Jim Marchman and the Marchman family.*

Richard Brunson

P.S. I hope that you will like the design changes in this edition of *Men On Mission.* We have been looking at ways to make this publication a more effective tool for helping churches involve their members in missions. A special thanks to Bill Boatwright, Jeff Bowman, Doris Clark, and Erin Currin for making this publication more attractive, more readable and more useful in helping encourage men (and boys) to be on Mission for Christ.

# This Personal Touch Comes From God

MAURICE COOK, NCBM PRESIDENT

*Most of us who listen to the radio to any extent have undoubtedly heard the catchy advertisement of a motel chain that always ends with the expression: And we'll leave the light on for you. Without endorsing this particular motel, I do compliment the organization for its advertising expression which, to me, conveys the thought: This motel has a personal touch!*

*Leaving the light on brings back pleasant boyhood memories. During World War II, gasoline was rationed and we found ourselves walking to night activities at school, church, and elsewhere. As I returned home it was always a welcome sight, even from a great distance, to see the light shining from a small lamp in my upstairs bedroom. My mother would leave the light on even though she cautioned all of us children to turn off the lights when they were not in use. Many times she would also turn back the bed cover to add another welcoming effect.*

*The light was a guide on dark nights. Although small, it could be seen for a long distance in the open countryside. The light would lead me home and warm feelings of nostalgia would embrace me as my step quickened the closer I came to the house. The light gave me feelings of safety and security, belonging to a family, love, care, and attention by that family. I experienced that personal touch.*

*God gave us that "personal touch" through the birth of His Son, Jesus. God demonstrated the most sacred and noble "personal touch" the world has ever seen by encasing His Son into a human body and, amazingly, as a baby boy. In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.....and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:1,14).*

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*In performing this great act, God left the light on for us. And the Light shines in darkness and the darkness cannot put it out. (John 1:5). This Light is the eternal "personal touch" and causes us to think of family— the family of God. It will guide us to our heavenly home where there is the ultimate in love, care, safety, and security.*

*This is the kind of "personal touch" we seek to achieve in all our Baptist Men's ministries. Our aim is to point people to the One who said: I am the Light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness. (John 8:12). Jesus then gave us the awesome designation: You are the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14).*

*The world is supposed to see Him through us. Do they? Let us dedicate ourselves anew to living up to that expectation of us by the Master. May it be said of Baptist Men—individually and collectively—wherever we go, whatever we do, that we always leave the light on for a hurting humanity, that we impart the "personal touch!"*

Maurice D. Cook

# Tribute to James F. Marchman

*Editor's Note: Jim Marchman, 80, former vice president and state overseas project coordinator for N.C. Baptist Men, died on November 14, 1993 after an illness. At his death he was serving as a volunteer consultant. The following remarks were shared by Elwood Orr, retired minister, during the memorial service held at First Church, Forest City on November 16, 1993.*

I am grateful to have the opportunity this afternoon to salute Jim Marchman, and to celebrate his homegoing. There is no doubt in my mind that he already has heard, "Come ye blessed of my father; inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." I have shared in many memorial services through the years, and some of them were very difficult. Today there is none of that. I have come to rejoice in the example Jim lived. Long ago I learned that physical death can sometimes be one of the greatest blessings of the Lord. God did not plan for us to be in this life forever. He has other good things down the road awaiting our coming.

This afternoon I want to make five statements about Jim:

1) He was a friend. In our world of moral indiscretion, where even in the lives of professional ministers it is commonplace, I never heard of any indiscretion in Jim's life. I never even heard him tell an off-color joke. He had a firm, healthy relationship with the Lord that was consistent and inspiring. I knew that I could always call on him and he'd be there ready to help. He and Alva for thirty years have shared their friendship, letters, visits in each others homes (even when we were in Germany) and have prayed for us. We shared philosophy, perspective, concerns, and we shared a love for the Kingdom and for its growth.

2) He was consistent. He was always the same. He didn't talk out of both sides of his mouth. He didn't wait until he found out how others thought and then said,"Me too." He did his own thinking and was willing to express his feelings and convictions.

3) He was interested in youth. He gave so many boys a start in life. Our oldest son was one of them. Jim expressed confidence in them, built their self esteem, gave them a purpose and helped them to see themselves as citizens who had a contribution to make. I was seldom with him when he didn't talk about some of you who are here today. It gave him a great satisfaction to see boys and girls in the church grow up and take their places in the life of the church and the community. He was interested in people and found many ways to show it.

4) He was proud of his family. He was so proud of his children, grandchildren, and the other children he had seen grow up in the church to follow the vision.

But, if I were restricted to one thing I could say about Jim it would be his personal commitment to the Great Commission.

5) He took Jesus seriously. This was not a fly-by- night thing. It was longstanding. I didn't give it to him, for when I met Alva and him it was already there in full bloom. I have enjoyed and been inspired through the years to know that wherever I was, I knew where they were bearing a testimony to their faith. It would be interesting to know:

1. How many dollars he has invested in sharing the good news that Jesus loves everyone and that He wants us to tell the world.

2. How much time he has taken away from his business to demonstrate this concern.

3. How many people have come to know the Lord all over the world.

4. How many people he has influenced to take Jesus seriously.

5. How much he has influenced his church to make missions primary.

## Jacksonville Pastor Ministers to Law Enforcement Officers

It takes a lot of courage to approach a stopped car on a lonely road or a darkened city street. Daily, hundreds of men and women put themselves in harm's way while serving as law enforcement officers. These dedicated public servants are often overworked and underpaid, going beyond the call of duty. All too often, they see the criminals they caught back on the streets. They are involved in the never-ending task of making our communities safer places in which to live.

David Cox, pastor, Calvary Church, Jacksonville, became burdened for law enforcement officers a number of years ago. He learned more about their unique needs as he began to spend time with the officers and developed a vision of ministry to law enforcement personnel.

In 1991, Cox contacted all of the law enforcement personnel in the Jacksonville area and organized a chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers, to provide encouragement and spiritual development to the members and their families.

Twice each month the Jacksonville Fellowship meets for a prayer breakfast. "These times of sharing mean so much to those who attend. It is a time when they share their concerns and pray for one another," said Cox. "Our goal is to present Jesus Christ to all who are in law enforcement including those who serve in the justice system."

Cox would like for each North Carolina church to observe an annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Persons interested in this ministry may contact him at 510 South Shore Drive, Jacksonville, N.C., 28540.

# Abernathy Named Baptist Men Associate

Mark Abernathy began his new position as associate in the North Carolina Baptist Men's office on February 1. His primary responsibilities will include the Lad/Crusader Royal Ambassador program, Caraway Summer Boys' Camp, and the Christian High Adventure program.

A native of Hickory, he is a graduate of Appalachian State University and Southern Baptist Seminary. His wife, Kellie, is also a graduate of Southern.

Abernathy has served as: assistant camp director at Caraway (summer of 1986); Missionary Journeyman in Tanzania, East Africa; Christian High Adventure staff member (summer of 1989); Kentucky Baptist Convention Brotherhood Department intern; camp director at the Kentucky State RA Camp; chaplain for the St. Matthews Manor Nursing Home, Louisville, Kentucky.

# New N.C. Baptist Men Hats Available

A new shipment of hats has arrived in four different colors: purple, teal, black, & white. The new design includes the North Carolina Baptist Men's logo. The cost is $7 per hat plus a 50 cents shipping/handling charge per order.

N.C.Baptist Men T-shirts are also still available. Cost is $5 per shirt, plus $2 shipping/handling charge per order.

To order, check the appropriate item on the back cover of this issue.

# What Is EZRA?

***If you are a Brotherhood Director, RA Counselor, or Pioneer/HSBYM Advisor, keep reading.***

EZRA—EZ-RA's—is an innovative and simplified way of conducting Lad and Crusader programs in your church. EZRA will be introduced at the annual Church Brotherhood Training Conference, Aug. 12–13, Caraway Conference Center. Cost is $35 per person. Here you will learn how to use this approach to doing missions and missions education with the boys in your church.

Challengers—the new name for Pioneer/HSBYM beginning in the fall of 1994 will also be discussed.

The conference will include specialized training for association and church Brotherhood Directors and for Baptist Men's leaders.

Jim Warren and Doug Beggs, SBC Brotherhood Commission, will lead the sessions for Royal Ambassador Leaders and Associational Brotherhood Directors.

Don't miss this opportunity to equip yourself to lead and involve men, young men, and boys of your church and association in missions.

For more information and registration information please check the appropriate item on the back page.

# *Missions Today* Available For The Visually Impaired

*Missions Today*, the SBC Brotherhood Commission's monthly magazine for Baptist Men, is available on audio cassette tape for the visually impaired. Bill Law, Region 4 Baptist Men's Director, is the narrator. In addition, a message by a pastor or Christian author is also included.

If you know visually impaired persons who would be interested in receiving this cassette, please send their names and addresses to: N.C.B.M. PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

# 1993 N.C. Baptist Men Mission Projects

### *Overseas Missions*

Peru – 8 volunteers
India – 3 volunteers
St. Vincent – 12 volunteers
Spain – 12 volunteers
Puerto Rico – 11 volunteers
Ukraine – 141 volunteers
10,000 blankets were sent to Bosnia through donations received

### *Homeland Projects*

*Building of Mission churches:*
Lucia (N.C.) Church
New Faith Church, Stanley
Oakland Memorial Church, Lowell
Linden (N.C.) Church
Brunswick Islands Church, Shallotte
Korean Mission, Raleigh

### *Other Projects:*

Mundo Vista Renovation – 50 volunteers
Mudouts in the Midwest – 300 volunteers
Operation Andrew I & II: assistance to victims of Hurricane Andrew in Miami – 1,000 volunteers
Assistance to victims of Hurricane Emily at Cape Hatteras – 200 volunteers
In addition, volunteers from state Baptist churches participated in the New York Mission Partnership and work projects at N.C. Baptist Assembly (Caswell).

### *Lay Renewal Weekends*

35 churches

### *Lay Revivals*

25 churches

### *Medical Bus Ministry*

Doctors – 86; dentists – 127; professional assistants – 289; other volunteers – 1,029 project days/locations – 75; show & tell – 12; mission fairs – 2; health fairs – 2; medical patients – 898; dental patients – 998; professions of faith – 53

### *Disaster Relief*

8,000 meals served in 10 days, Hannibal, Missouri (flood)
40,000 meals served during five weeks in Hardin, Illinois (flood)
40,000 meals provided for Hurricane Emily victims at Cape Hatteras in nine days

### *Rest Stop Ministries*

At least 12 interstate rest stop ministries were conducted as volunteers shared refreshments in the name of Jesus, along with gospel tracts.

# 1994 Demonstration Farm Field Day Is June 25

Mark your calendars now!! The 1994 Demonstration Farm Field Day is June 25. The Ag Missions Ministry operates a demonstration farm located on US Highway 421 (about one mile north of Campbell University). The purpose of the field day is to give Baptist men and women, RAs and GAs the opportunity to see Third World farming firsthand.

Tours of the farm will be held at 4:00 p.m., followed by a meal and program. The meal this year will be provided by the N.C. Disaster Relief Unit. You will get to see two missions ministries in action at the same place. Don't miss it. The Field Day is always lots of fun. For more information, call me at (919) 243–7328.

Ag Missions was involved with the Missions Expo held in Winston-Salem in January. A special treat was the arrival of two new farm residents just in time for the Expo. Daisy, one of the farm sheep, gave birth to twins just 10 days prior to the Expo. Daisy and twins were able to make the trip to Winston-Salem. They were a popular attraction and will most likely be a part of the Field Day on June 25.

## *Mission Opportunities Abound*

If you are a home gardener, we have an opportunity for you in India this summer. A team of doctors has been going to India for several years. One of the many needs is proper nutrition. Someone skilled in home gardening is needed to make the trip with the doctors this summer to teach gardening. If you are interested, let me know.

Not a gardener, you say? Well, maybe you're a beekeeper. There is a request for a beekeeper to travel to the Philippines for a period of two to six weeks for the purpose of setting up a beekeeping program at the Rural Life Center. For more information, call me at (919) 243–7328.

For a longer term project (up to two years), an agriculturist is needed on the island of Tobago. This request has been filed through the Foreign Mission Board. They envision a complete agricultural program, from gardening and composting to small animals. Again, let me know if you are interested.

The fields are white for harvest yet the harvesters are few. Perhaps God is calling you to plant seeds or to harvest in His field!

*Don Pittman*
*State Ag Missions Coordinator*
*4719 River Road*
*Wilson, NC 27893*
*919–243–7328*

# "Corn For Croatia" Project Announced

On February 7, the N.C. Baptist Men's Office received the following fax from Paul Montague of Baptist World Aid of the Baptist World Alliance:

*Dear N.C. Baptist Men: In response to a request from Croatian Baptists, Baptist World Aid has been offered 380,000 pounds of donated corn seed for Croatia. Eight or nine 40 foot containers will be needed to ship the corn seed from the USA to Croatia at a cost of $35,000. Can you help with a donation toward this cost? I need to know right away so that we can ship for arrival in time to plant. Please keep in mind that Baptist Aid given in Croatia is not only for displaced Croatians, but also for Bosnian refugees in Croatia. In addition, Baptist groups transport food and supplies from Croatia into Bosnia whenever possible.*

This is a great need. Please make this a matter of prayer for your Baptist Men, RAs and your church. Please pray that Croatian Baptists will be faithful witnesses as they minister to these victims of the war in Bosnia. If you feel led to involve your Baptist Men and RA's or even your church in this corn project please send in any contributions for this shipment as soon as possible.

Consider setting a goal of raising one dollar for every man and boy in your church. Pass out a kernel of corn to everyone at your church and ask your church to pray for Croatian Baptists and for peace in the former Yugoslavia. Pray that Christ will be made known in the midst of the pain and suffering that so many people are experiencing. *If you raise money for this project, please make your check payable to: N.C. Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512—1107. Designate the check "Corn for Croatia."*

## DISASTER RELIEF

# North Carolina Baptist Men Continue To Minister To Hurricane, Flood, And Earthquake Victims

Disaster Relief ministry continues to minister to people in need. Numerous groups are still providing a helping hand in the recovery efforts of victims of hurricanes Andrew and Emily, Midwest floods, and California earthquakes. God is using recovery to touch the lives of many N.C. Baptists as they serve in this way.

Baptist Men now has a new 45 ft. trailer and pick up truck, a completed 24 ft. unit (based in Region 2), and a second 24 ft. unit (to be stationed in Region 10). Baptist Men also has a new water purification unit. Training will be provided on all these units on April 22-23,Caraway Conference Center.

A new venture for Disaster Relief will be the area of "flyaway kitchens." These will be available for use in international disasters as well as other hard to reach areas. This will broaden our scope of response.

Southern Baptists again responded in a very significant way to the California earthquake disaster victims, preparing over one million meals in a five-week period. Units came from California, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri. North Carolina's response was financial assistance to the California Baptist Convention as well as N.C. Volunteer Coordinator Paul Wilson, who spent 10 days in California serving as the national on-site coordinator.

## FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

# Family Foundations Ministry Develops New Programs

The Family Foundations Ministry sponsored its first marriage enrichment retreat, at Caraway Conference Center last New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. We were blessed to have Don Mann from Calvary Church, Winston-Salem, to be our resource person, who was used by the Lord in an outstanding way. We have had a number of responses from those who attended indicating that this was truly a successful experience for them personally. The Lord did, in fact, enrich their marriage and help mature their marriage relationship.

Family Foundations Ministry is still very new and I am personally struggling to find the direction the Lord would have us go in attempting to lead this ministry. I plead for your prayers and input. There are three areas I sense we should consider developing:

1. Methods that will help men understand and communicate a clear biblical understanding of their masculinity and God's plan for it. I do not believe that most Baptist men have any problem with their relationship with their Lord nor with their gender. However, I do know that we need resources and help in ministry to our contemporaries who are struggling with an identity crisis and understanding God's role for the man, both in his family and society. There are many men's movements surfacing today in reaction to the world's attack against the man's role. Unless these movements are biblically based, and doctrinally sound, founded upon God's order and His design, they will not serve as a healing agent but rather will contribute to a greater division between the genders.

2. Methods and resources to help articulate our understanding of the priesthood of the believer. We believe all Christians are called, equipped and sent to be priests and ministers in our respective place, whether it be in the marketplace, the schools, government institutions, or wherever God has called us to be Baptist men.

3. A structure whereby we can identify and call upon men who, by virtue of having struggled with life issues and succeeded, have matured spiritually in the Lord. We need such men to serve as spiritual fathers and mentors for younger Christian men who are still struggling to come to maturity in the Lord. I am convinced there are such men who would willingly give of themselves not only to be mentors to younger men but also to step forward and serve their communities with wisdom and godly counsel.

Again let me say that we are struggling with how to develop Family Foundations Ministry. Would you consider these three points? If any are of interest to you, let me know.

Please consider and pray specifically about a men's retreat. Also, share any material or methods you have that clearly articulate the called, equipped and sent message. Identify the mature "spiritual fathers" in your community, and share those names and telephone numbers with me.

*Doug Russell*
*State Family Foundations Ministry Coordinator*
*509 Camrose Circle*
*Concord, NC 28025*
*704-782-0203*

## LAY RENEWAL

# New Ideas And Goals For 1994

My goal and that of Baptist Men is to use Lay Renewal to bring people to know Jesus Christ and to the knowledge that they are each called, gifted and sent into the world (marketplace) to tell the Good News.

I ask each coordinator to search his heart and increase his efforts. I ask each team member, each church leader, each pastor, to do the same so that we can get Lay Renewal into as many churches as possible.

I ask for your prayers and help to make this the greatest year ever for Lay Renewal.

A Lay Renewal/Lay Ministry "combo weekend" best describes what happened at First Church, Brunswick, last November. When I led a Lay Renewal a year before (at that time it was called Holden's Beach Mission), they had about 60 members. In the following months, they added more than 100 new members and became First Church, Brunswick. (I am one of those new members.)

Working with Bill Whisnant of Raleigh as visiting coordinator, we decided that the new members were probably not ready for a Lay Ministry weekend. However, the charter members had completed their small groups and were ready to move on. Therefore, the committee decided to follow the Lay Renewal and Lay Ministry weekend concept.

On Friday night, after singing and one testimony, the charter members were dismissed to a large room to continue with teaching and small groups. The Lay Renewal people continued with more singing and testimonies and small groups. Everyone returned to the sanctuary for reports and "love circle."

On Saturday we followed the same format with a men and women's luncheon for both Lay Renewal and Lay Ministry participants. Saturday night, the Lay Ministry section went into small groups and the Lay Renewal session conducted a family night prayertime. They all joined together at a given time for affirmation service, ending with "love circle" for all.

Sunday morning Lay Renewal and Lay Ministry groups met during Sunday School with everyone coming together for the 11 a.m. service and the Sunday night evaluation service. We now have three continued small groups for Lay Ministry Weekend and four for Lay Renewal. Everything worked out well. If you know of a church that has had a large increase in members since a Lay Renewal weekend, you may want to consider this type of approach.

Lay Renewal Celebration will be held at Caraway Conference Center June 17–18. Cost is $35 per person. Use the form on the back cover to make your reservations early. Call N.C. Baptist Men in Cary (800) 395–5102 for more details.

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*919–754–4839*

## CORRECTIONAL MINISTRIES

# Camp Angel Tree To Be Held This Summer

Prison Fellowship and the North Carolina Baptist Men will conduct Camp Angel Tree, July 31– Aug. 5, Camp Caraway, Asheboro, for 120 boys, ages 9 to 13, who have a parent in prison.

Help us stop the cycle of crime by helping to introduce these kids to Jesus Christ at Camp Angel Tree.

Cost per child will be $90. Please complete the form below, along with your check payable to Prison Fellowship, and send to PO Box 6279, High Point, NC 27262.

ANGEL TREE®
*A Ministry of Prison Fellowship*

### *Camp Angel Tree Sponsor Form*

*Mail check to Prison Fellowship, PO Box 6279, High Point, NC 27262*

- ❑ I would like to help sponsor a child at Camp Angel Tree.
- ❑ My church would like to help with the Angel Tree Project next Christmas.
- ❑ I would like someone to come to my church and tell us more about Angel Tree and Prison Fellowship.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____ Church _____

# Mother's Day Offering

## WEEK OF PRAYER

MAY 1-8

Touching Lives With HOPE

**Goal: $500,000**

*Promotional materials will be sent to Baptist pastors in early April. The packet will include a video, video study guide, prayer guide/bulletin insert, poster and offering envelopes.*

*Tommy Abernathy:*

## A Walking Miracle

Standing at the sink doing dishes, Tommy Abernathy knew immediately what the three sharp pains in his chest, and the spasm radiating down his arm meant: heart attack. He'd been there before.

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# Transplant Team Works Miracle For Abernathy

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Abernathy's first heart attack, four years earlier, had left his heart working at only 10 percent efficiency. For four years, he'd huffed up stairs, fallen asleep in the chair after supper, required naps after the least bit of work.

***Now, chest pains*** threatened even that level of life.

Tommy was in danger.

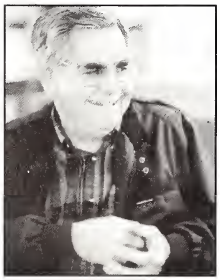
A medical intern at High Point Regional Hospital refused to give up on Abernathy in the emergency room, or he wouldn't have made it through the night. Even with a pump doing 90 percent of the work, his heart stopped twice in two days.

Doctors told his wife there was nothing more they could do.

Then doctors from North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, ready to re-inaugurate Baptist's heart transplant program, asked Abernathy if he would be interested in receiving a new heart.

"I might as well, this one's not doing me much good," said Abernathy, a machinist.

In what has to be a modern miracle for him, less than two weeks later a donated heart from a woman, who suffered an aneurysm in church and died, beat within his chest. In fact, just three weeks after his heart attack, he was home, with a new heart and a renewed future.



*With a new heart, Tommy Abernathy feels better than he has in years.*

At first, Tommy couldn't understand the tingling pains in his feet. Then he realized his powerful new heart was reestablishing circulation in his extremities that had diminished.

That is about the only pain Abernathy had after the operation. He kept waiting for the severe pain and discomfort his doctors warned were coming. They never came.

Tommy, 61, takes his medicine and walks three miles each day. Lifting is his only restriction.

With a new heart, however, and his anti-rejection medicine, he says he is a completely different person and his body reacts to everything differently. If he cuts a finger, or if his temperature spikes even one degree, he is to call the doctor.

*Only weeks after a heart transplant operation that pulled him from his death bed, Tommy Abernathy smiles between the two doctors most responsible for giving him a new chance at life, Barry Rayburn, left, and Tim Oaks, the transplant team at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.*

***Tommy was pleased*** with his entire treatment at Baptist Hospital. He said the doctors became "like family" and they never appeared to be in a hurry. "You couldn't ask for better treatment," he said. "I just like the way they explained every step, every procedure to you – in layman's terms."

He likes their attitude, too. When his wife brought a cheese cake to share with the doctors, she wouldn't let Tommy have a piece. "Why not?" the doctor asked.

"Well, he's never been able to eat it before because of his heart."

"I gave him a perfect heart," the doctor said. "What else do you want? Let him eat."

## Mother's Day Offering

# Doctor Celebrates Healing's Spiritual Side

When it comes to heart health, less is more, according to Baptist Hospital cardiologist Earl Watts – less alcohol, less saturated fat, less tobacco and less stress.

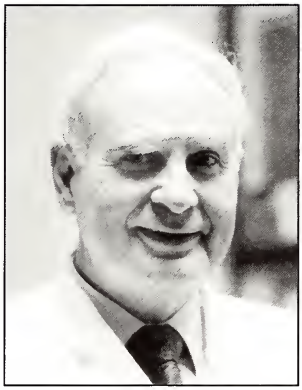
But when it comes to spiritual health, more is better – more compassion and service to others.

"When you look at our example in the New Testament as far as the function of a Christian, whether a doctor, minister or layperson of another profession, service stands out in capitals," says Watts, serving as a Christian doctor at Baptist Hospital since 1966.

***North Carolina*** Baptists have a special opportunity for service through the annual Mothers's Day Offering for Baptist Hospital, as well, he says.

"One of the great appeals to me here at Baptist is the great opportunity for service to all categories of patients, especially those in the indigent category," says Watts, who teaches Sunday school at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. "I've been impressed that we've been able to serve these indigent better than any other hospital I've been associated with, outside of a strictly charity hospital in Philadelphia where I interned."

All gifts provide benevolent care for those who otherwise might be unable to pay for the quality health care they receive at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.



*Earl Watts teaches Sunday School at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.*

***"The administration*** makes every effort to gain support for the needy. I don't know of anyone being denied urgent care for lack of a full wallet. The Mother's Day Offering is a big opportunity that enables us to help."

Watts has been with Baptist Hospital long enough to remember the days when they couldn't install a pacemaker unless the patient had the money to pay for it in hand, because the hospital couldn't pay the pacemaker manufacturer.

Today, Baptist Hospital is financially healthy and constantly expanding and improving services. The Mother's Day Offering is a chance for North Carolina Baptists to enable others to receive that healing ministry.

***A monthly*** institution-wide prayer breakfast helps keep foremost an attitude of caring and compassion. Medical professionals often are involved in missions overseas. And, at home, they serve special medical cases spotted by Baptist missionaries in other countries.

In day-to-day work with patients, Watts says faith is a special attribute in helping "patients facing almost certain death, that they can have someone to talk to."

And, Watts says dealing with Christian patients helps doctors in their faith, as well.

***As a cardiologist*** Watts is as concerned with prevention of heart disease as in its cure. The best indicator of heart health is a family history of long lives, he said. Other indicators are age, sex (males have higher incidence), previous heart history, diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, or high ingestion of tobacco, alcohol or fatty foods.

For Watts, a "fast shuffle" exercise walker, there is more to exercise than controlling body weight and fat content. It is important in reducing stress, as well. "There are emotional and spiritual aspects of dealing with stress," he says. "A good stress reducer is to stay married. Married people have less stress. If you lose your spouse, sudden death is more likely .

"Emotionally stable people with some degree of spirituality, who have dealt with their past errors, tend to do better in dealing with stress, too."

## Mother's Day Offering

*Despite heart problems, Nancy Tice volunteers with the local rescure squad.*

# Hospital Helps Pain, Letter Brings Relief

Nancy Tice didn't want to be feeling in her chest what her emergency medical technician training told her she was feeling – a severe angina attack.

She could feel the pain shooting up her chest and into her jaw. Pain radiated down both arms and her wrists tingled. But she knew it was not a full blown heart attack because the pain came in spasms and subsided quickly.

Admittedly overweight, a joyful eater and a smoker, Nancy knew her lifestyle put her at risk for heart problems. Still, she waited a week before going to the doctor. She lasted only 15 seconds on the treadmill test and her doctor referred her to Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

***Doctors there found*** 95 percent blockage in her middle artery and performed an atherectomy in which a tiny blade chews away plaque lining the artery to open it back up for blood flow. The other arteries had 30-40 percent blockage and were left alone.

Nancy, 42, also carries genetic tendencies for heart problems. Her mother and two grandparents died of heart attacks. During her own illness, Nancy was diagnosed as diabetic and with high cholesterol.

***So, following her*** operation she gave up sugar, salt and smoking, a dramatic lifestyle change that caused depression. "If it's good, leave it alone, it will kill you," she says now with a sardonic grin.

But, she realizes, "there are lots of things worth more than what I gave up. I want to live out my life fully. I want to see my grandkids some day and I don't want to leave my husband to live alone. I've got too much living to do right now."

Doctor and hospital bills were debilitating. Her hospital bill alone approached $13,000 and doctor bills are over $10,000.

***Bills with numbers*** that large are difficult to comprehend, Nancy said. "I can't see ever having that much, let alone having it to pay medical bills. We just live week to week and have no savings."

Her husband has just started back to work after being out for two years with a back injury. With no work, there was no company insurance and no money for personal insurance premiums.

***Baptist Hospital*** considered her financial situation and covered her hospital charges with funds from the Mother's Day Offering. "That helped a lot," she said. "I really do appreciate it."

Nancy volunteers as an emergency medical technician for the Double Creek Volunteer Fire Department in Pinnacle. She takes all the training offered and responds to ambulance calls and some fires. Her husband of 22 years, Ricky, and their three children are all members of the fire department, too.

## Six Important Facts

1. ***Have your blood*** pressure checked regularly. If it's high, cooperate with your doctor to keep it under control.
2. ***Don't smoke*** cigarettes. No cigarette is safe.
3. ***Maintain proper weight.*** If you're overweight, follow AHA suggestions to reduce while maintaining a nutritious, balanced diet.

## Mother's Day Offering

# Oaks Races Clock To Procure 'Gifts of Life'

Your image of a doctor in white coat flying down sterile hospital corridors, Igloo cooler in hand, toward an operating room where a patient near death waits for a new heart may not be far from the truth.

Tim Oaks, director of thoracic transplantation, would be that doctor for Baptist Hospital. He came to Baptist in July to inaugurate Baptist's re-entry into heart and lung transplants. He had been at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, England, in a post-residency study of international health care.

***When doctors at*** Baptist are notified by UNOS (United Network for Organ Sharing) that a donor heart has become available, Oaks goes to procure the heart himself. Since a donated heart should be outside the body no more than four hours, and it takes an hour to sew the heart into the recipient, Oaks is in a hurry.

For a heart to be eligible for transplantation, it must come from a donor who is "brain dead," but whose body functions have not stopped. Consequently, most hearts are not available.

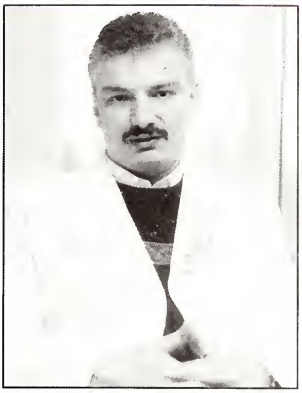
***At the donor site*** he reviews the heart and the donor's clinical history and chest x-rays and does a physical exam, "just like I would a living patient." He discovers things in his exams that force him to reject 10-20 percent of potential donated hearts. That is a great disappointment for him and the recipient, who by now, has been notified to come to the hospital and prepare for possible transplantation.

As many as five other hospitals may be represented in the operating room, waiting to procure other donated organs, tissue, bones, corneas, joints and tendons.

When the heart is procured, Oaks zips down the hallway to a waiting ambulance for a quick trip to the hospital, helicopter or airplane. On the way, another surgeon prepares the recipient at a Baptist Hospital operating room.

***It takes Oaks*** about an hour to put the new heart in place. The patient is in intensive care for one or two days, then, usually within two weeks, the patient goes home, a different person.

"Transplanting a heart is special," Oaks says. "When you look at how sick these people are before, and how much better they are afterwards, it's very gratifying. The operation turns them into normal human beings again."



*Tim Oaks, director of thoracic transplantation, races the clock.*

A transplant patient is never again a "typical" medical patient. Because of the anti-rejection medicines he must take the rest of his life, and the constant monitoring required, his transplant physicians become his doctors. It's a relationship Oaks cherishes.

> *"None of this is possible unless someone decides to donate."*
>
> – Tim Oaks

Religious faith works two ways in patients. One, potential donors with faith have an understanding of the greater good their organs can do after their death. Two, a religious person with serious heart disease isn't always anxious to have a transplant. They are at peace facing the prospects of a shortened life.

***"We all have*** a mission to increase donor awareness," he says. "The referring physician, the medical community and the public need to understand it can't be done unless they offer these gifts of life. Transplantation is a way to turn a tragedy into something good.

"None of this is possible unless someone decides to donate."

## for a Healthy Heart

4 ***Eat foods that*** are low in saturated (animal) fats and cholesterol.

5 ***Exercise regularly*** to maintain cardiovascular fitness. Check with your doctor before beginning an exercise program.

6 ***Have regular medical check-ups,*** and follow doctor's advice about reducing your risk of heart attack.

*(From American Heart Association)*

# Mother's Day Offering Helps Single Mom Cross Emotional Mountain

At six months and nine months, her doctor considered her worries just the unwarranted concerns of an over-protective, first-time mother.

***But when Debra*** Walters' son, Keith, still didn't crawl, or turn over, or sit up at a year old, she demanded another opinion, and got it – cerebral palsy.

He has spastic diplegia - a palsy that affects only his legs.

Over the next five years, Debra has worked and worried with Keith through two major operations… and a divorce, threatened foreclosure, a return to the work force and a wrestling match with bills.

***When Keith was*** 2 1/2, he had an operation that loosened his legs. Immediately after the operation, he went up on his hands and knees for the first time in his life. He learned to scoot quickly around that way, but his ankles couldn't hold him when he tried to walk. They turned over and he was walking on his exterior ankle bones.

*"He goes anywhere he wants to with one wood cane and a quad cane."*
– Debra Walters

*Keith's smile belies his struggle to walk and function without special accomodations in a an intolerant world.*

# Mother's Day Offering

*Life isn't easy for Keith and Debra, but with his canes, and her shoulders, they are getting through.*

*Your gifts through the Mother's Day Offering help real people, in real need. You make a difference.*

In May 1993 he had reconstructive foot surgery on the soft tissue and bone. By the fall, he was walking with the help of quad-footed canes.

"He goes anywhere he wants to with one wood cane and a quad cane," his mother said. Taking karate has helped him stretch important ligaments and muscles and, in a great achievement, he stood unaided for 2 1/2 minutes to pass a karate test designed for him.

*"I had no home and I wasn't sure where the food was coming from next. I just cried when I got the letter."*
– Debra Walters

***"He has*** tremendous potential to be an ambulatory adult with no canes," said Debra, a nurse for a plastic surgeon. Now single, Debra took all her vacation, sick leave and some unpaid days to be with Keith during his surgery.

All alone she lugged him and his leg casts to school and doctors appointments, physical therapy and home.

And, all alone, she faced the deductibles from the insurance her ex-husband carried on Keith.

Then she received a letter from Baptist Hospital saying the Mother's Day Offering benevolent fund covered those $667 deductibles.

Before marriage, when she was a hotel company executive, such a bill would have seemed fairly insignificant. As a single mom, with a sick child, facing foreclosure on the family home, it was an impossible mountain.

***"It means a lot*** to me, from an emotional point of view, with everything else going on, the thought of this large bill...," she said, her thoughts trailing off. "It enabled me to continue doing what I need to do with Keith. I couldn't have taken a second job with Keith to care for. How could I? I don't know what I would have done, really.

"I had no home and I wasn't sure where the food was coming from next. I just cried when I got the letter."

*Transplant cardiologist Barry Rayburn takes two hours to tell a potential transplant patient about the mechanics of his heart... and assure the patient he will still love his spouse with a new heart.*

# Water Pumps to Souls, Rayburn Answers Heart Questions

Will I stop loving my wife if I get a new heart?

Barry Rayburn faces many questions like that when he discusses transplant possibilities with heart patients.

He knows literature pictures the heart as the seat of the soul and emotions. But, as transplant cardiologist at Baptist Hospital, his primary concern is to present the transplant option to patients who need one, to coordinate the transplantation process and to follow up with heart recipients, who become life-long patients.

***Not everyone with*** a "bad heart" is a transplant candidate. Up to 70,000 persons each year could benefit from a "new heart" but only about 2,200 viable hearts are donated, so candidates must be carefully screened to ensure the highest success rate possible.

To be considered for a transplant, a candidate's own heart must have deteriorated so the chance of survival is less than that offered by transplantation; no alternative is available to improve survival chances; and the patient is otherwise in basically good health.

***Because the*** heart must be beating at the time of death to be eligible for transplantation, transplants weren't possible until fairly recently when "brain inactivity" became an accepted definition of death.

One hundred sixty-four hospitals in the U.S. and a good number internationally do heart transplants. The largest do 120-150 per year. When Baptist Hospital's program is operating at full capacity, doctors there will perform 15-20 each year.

"Dealing with transplant patients is different from dealing with many other patients," says Rayburn, 33. "Doctors and patients are definitely not like two ships passing in the night. It's a process, not an event.

***"From the beginning*** of the evaluation to the end of the patient's life, he will always see a transplant physician. Treating a transplant patient is so specialized many physicians are reluctant to perform even basic medical care on one."

Heart transplant patients are actually younger than typical heart failure patients, with an average age of 56. Since they must be in otherwise good health to receive a heart, the success rate is very high.

Survival is 85-90 percent in the first year, and 75 percent of heart transplant patients are "alive and doing well" after five years, Rayburn says. The longest living heart transplant survivor received his heart 23 years ago.

With so many needing new hearts, and so few available, researchers are looking toward non-human donors. Rayburn says it will never be baboons, despite a highly publicized xeno-transplantation from a baboon in Loma Linda, Calif.

*"Donors, donors, donors" is the only thing limiting heart transplants.*

– Barry Rayburn

If a baboon heart was compatible, the baboon population would quickly become extinct if used for organ donation. Actually, a pig heart is closer to human structure and blood type. Some prosthetic valves used in heart surgery already come from pigs.

***Artificial hearts*** are being researched furiously. And why wouldn't they work? As Rayburn says, the heart is basically a water pump.

He helps transplant patients understand the donor didn't die for them, but would have died regardless. Donating the heart helped some good come from tragedy.

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# North Carolina Baptists Nursing, Medical-Dental Fellowships Conduct Winter Meetings At Caraway

The annual meetings of the North Carolina Baptist Nursing Fellowship and Medical-Dental Fellowship were held at Caraway Conference Center Feb. 4–5. The theme for this year's program was, "Your Schedule," based on Jeremiah 29:11. Program Chairman Charles Tabor, Winston-Salem, planned this informative and inspirational meeting.

Special guests were furloughing missionaries Ron and Janet Key from the Gambia, West Africa, and Andy and Judy Norman from Ogbomosho, Nigeria. Key reported on his work at Baptist Hospital in Ogbomosho where he practices and teaches in the OB/GYN field of medicine. Also speaking was Fred Loper, Oklahoma City, a volunteer with the Home Mission Board.

Volunteer mission reports were given by Martha Robinson of Shelby and Walter Cooper Sandusky of Memphis. Robinson spoke of her experiences while serving as a nurse in Somalia for several months in 1993. Sandusky showed slides and spoke of his work as a dentist on a trip into the Himalayas of northern India.

Bible study was led by Tim Pennell, Winston-Salem, and Hersey Miller, Statesville. Special music was provided by Sarah Williams and Lesley Brunson. Other interesting reports were given by June Whitlow, executive director, Baptist Nursing Fellowship; Richard Brunson, executive director, Medical-Dental Fellowship; and Van Williams, Foreign Mission Board.

Three visitors from Ukraine (former USSR) were also present and addressed those attending the meeting. Dr. Iredenko, a dentist, and his wife, a physician, have opened a Christian medical-dental clinic in Kiev, the capital city of Ukraine. In conjunction with the N.C. Baptist/Ukraine partnership, the Fellowships voted to provide the monthly financial support required to operate this clinic for two years. Also, the Fellowships voted to solicit funds to purchase a complete portable dental unit for use on volunteer mission trips in Ukraine, and as an addition to the fixed unit already in use of the medical-dental bus. Robert Stewart, Durham, and Ed Kanoy, Durham, have been to Ukraine twice to lay the groundwork for our involvement in helping with the vast medical and dental needs there.

Ronald Halbrooks was installed as the new president of the N.C. Medical-Dental Fellowship, and will serve a three year term. Halbrooks, an internist from Durham, succeeds Herb Davis, Lexington.

*Ron Halbrooks*
*State Medical Missions Coordinator*
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*Durham, NC 27712*
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## Summary of 1993 Activities

### *Medical/Dental Bus*

Doctors — 86
Dentists — 127
Professional Assistants — 289
Medical Patients — 898
Dental Patients — 998
Other Volunteers — 1,029
Professions of Faith — 53
Show & Tell — 12
Mission Fairs — 2
Health Fairs — 1
Project Days — 72
Project Locations — 75
Total Volunteers — 1,531
Total Patients — 1,896
Total Locations — 90
Total Miles driven (including maintenance, etc) — 10,581

# Homeland Mission Projects Listed

Project requests continue to come into the office. We have begun the process of regionalizing the construction of new mission churches. This process will work well if you, as leaders, solicit volunteers and help promote construction projects in your area. Some projects have been done on associational levels with great success. The majority of our requests have been made by ethnic or minority congregations. This outreach to non-traditional North Carolina churches stands as a sign that God's leadership is at the center of this ministry.

## *First Korean Church, Raleigh*

With the large project now dried in, we are looking for skilled people and supervisors for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and rough-in. David Williams of Durham is site coordinator: (919) 596–9610. Contact Heune Lee at (919) 541–6852 if you wish to help. Estimated Construction Schedule:

HVAC rough-in: March 12–26
Insulation, walls: March 26–April 15
Outside trim, boxing, siding: April 29–May 31
Drywall, hang and finish: April 15–May 6
Interior trim: May 6–June 11
Painting: June 11–July 2
Vinyl flooring and ceramic tile: June 30–July 15
Hardware: July 15–August 6
Finish electrical: August 6
Finish HVAC: August 12
Finish plumbing: September 15
Concrete walks, landscaping: August 12–September 3
Carpet: September 3–17
Touch-up, clean-up, punch list: September 23

## *Mundo Vista*

We are currently winterizing summer cottages at the GA Camp near Asheboro. Volunteers are needed weekends through the spring with a special emphasis during the week of April 18–23. Come for all or part of the week. Contact Bob Navey, coordinator, at (910) 625–4828 or (910) 629–4213. (See related article in this issue.)

## *Hispanic Mission, Kernersville*

Scheduled to begin in April, 1994. Church has a strong ministry among Hispanics with a clinic area in the new building. Contact Larry Dole, pastor, at (910) 996–3033 or Steve Kiser, on-site volunteer, at (910) 969–2462. Estimated construction schedule:

Site preparation/grading: April 4–23
Wood framing: May 16–28
Roofing: May 30–June 11
Plumbing rough-in: June 6–18
Electrical rough-in: June 13–25
Interior walls/ceiling: June 27–July 23
Electrical & plumbing finish work: July 25–August 13
Facility check-out: August 15–20
Facility Dedication: August 28
Concrete work, foundation & underground plumbing: April 25–May 14
HVAC, mill work, painting & floor covering: July 25–August 13

## *Hispanic Mission, Clinton*

The Hispanic Mission (a mission of First Church, Clinton) has just begun their new church building. They need Baptist men to help with the construction—i.e. framing crews for this 5,000 square foot building. Donald Starling is their on-site coordinator. He can be reached at home: (919) 592–3377 or at work: (919) 592–2339.

## *Charlotte Chinese Baptist Church*

The bulk of the construction on this "volunteer friendly" 5,700 sq. ft. church east of Charlotte will take place as a mass project July 2–9. Disaster Relief feeding unit will be on site for meals. Some RV hookups may be available. Contact Alton Stewart (704) 875–1251 for scheduling of work crews and material donations. Skilled volunteers need to contact Stewart promptly for scheduling.

## *Flat River Hispanic Mission*

Construction of Flat River (Oxford) 90 x 50 building will begin in October. Contact Jack Berry, on site coordinator, at (919) 693–4065.

## *Florida*

There are still many needs in the south Miami area. "I CARE" is the interfaith coalition for the Hurricane Andrew recovery effort. During the first week of December, a N.C. Baptist Men's team visited "I CARE" to view its operation and insure its creditability. "I CARE" currently has 480 building permits in hand and can get more. They have a large supply of building materials and an impressive complex for feeding and housing volunteers. The only charge is $20 per week for lodging and meals at their volunteer complex. Their greatest need is for volunteers. This would make an excellent summer project for adult/youth teams with many opportunities for sharing in the community of the worksites. If you are interested, call "I CARE", (800) 637–5790 or (305) 251–3112.

Miami Springs Church needs a new roof on the parsonage. It has all the needed materials. Contact David Dunn, pastor, at (305) 888–1538.

## *New York Partnership*

Metro Baptist Association office, New York, needs some work in their kitchen. If you are interested, contact David Dean at (212) 787–7037.

For a current list of construction needs in New York, call Beth Ward at the Baptist State Convention, (800) 395–5102.

## *Volunteer Needs at Caswell*

The North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Fort Caswell) needs volunteers through the spring of 1994. Numerous work projects include almost any skill level from skilled tradesman to unskilled laborer.

Some of the projects are:

1. Paradise Cottage — siding, lattice, and painting.
2. Cafeteria — completion of third phase.
3. Cape Fear Cotttage — demolition of dorm rooms/baths on back of old bakery.
4. Seashell/Sand Dune Cottage — chimney removal, interior repair, exterior siding and repair as needed.
5. RS A/B & E Cottage— chimney removal, interior repair (possible relocation of kitchen and addition of bedroom as in RS C&D).
6. Sentry House — (Old Program HQ/First Aid) relocation and total renovation at the entrance of the Assembly.
7. Gingko Cottage — completion of the installation of original trim, (finish carpenters needed in December and January).
8. #33 (Old Horsebarn) — total renovation for the new PX, possible historical display area.
9. Grounds — continued ornamental landscaping of renovated buildings and grounds maintenance activities.
10. Forts — beginning of efforts to provide safety barriers to potentially dangerous fall areas of the forts.

A special thanks to all who worked last fall and spring, and to the many, many volunteers who have worked over the past 11 years. Your efforts have been an essential ingredient in the revitalization of the North Carolina Baptist Assembly.

If you are interested in volunteering at Caswell, contact David Lloyd, assistant director, N.C. Baptist Assembly, 100 Caswell Beach Road, Oak Island, NC 28465; (919) 278–9501.

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*State Homeland Projects Coordinator*
*2917 Covered Bridge Rd.*
*Clayton, NC 27520*
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# CAMP MUNDO VISTA PROJECT

### *Light construction, installing window units in existing walls to winterize cabins*

North Carolina Baptist Men voted to show our support for North Carolina's Woman's Missionary Union by assisting them in renovating the state GA/Acteen camp. We, as North Carolina Baptist Men, are greatly indebted to WMU for keeping our churches at the "front door" of missions. Without their leadership, many churches would have lost the mission vision long ago.

**DATE**: Special emphasis April 18–23. You can come all or any part of that week. Also, work is being done other Fridays and Saturdays this spring.

**PLACE**: Camp Mundo Vista in Asheboro, N.C. — across the road from Camp Caraway (Caraway Conference Center).

**FOOD AND LODGING:** Furnished by WMU in the Mundo Vista cafeteria (bring a person to help with food in kitchen if possible), with lodging in other Mundo Vista buildings and cabins.

**To register or obtain more details,** contact Bob Navey at Camp Mundo Vista by phone: (910) 625–4828 or (910) 629–4213. Detailed information sheets listing tools and things you may want to bring will be mailed to you as soon as we receive your name and address. Don't delay!! Singing, worship, and fellowship will be featured after work each night. If you play a musical instrument (besides the radio), bring it.

***YOU'RE NEEDED NOW!!!***

# Ukraine Partnership Continues To Grow

North Carolina Baptists and Ukrainian Baptists have entered into a three year mission partnership. Ukrainian Baptists have indicated that they presently need help to:

- Support 100 Home Missionaries
- Renovate a building to be used as a seminary
- Provide financial assistance and construction personnel for the construction of a number of churches.

If you wish to be a participant you MUST complete a volunteer in missions application form and return it to the Baptist Men's office, with a $100 deposit, at least 60 days prior to your anticipated departure date. After receiving your application (and the $100 deposit) you will be sent a U.S. visa application form, which must be completed and returned along with your passport, a passport photo, and the balance of $1,400 at least 45 days prior to departure, so that the application can be processed and your airline ticket purchased.

All teams will leave from one of three locations (Greensboro, Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham) for logistical purposes and to insure that all team members travel together from the Newark Airport. Work teams are scheduled to leave on Saturday and return on Saturday. The dates are listed below.

The price of the trip is approximately $1,500, which includes the cost of your supplemental insurance, visa, air travel from Charlotte, Greensboro, or Raleigh, meals and lodging. Also included is a one night stay in Copenhagen, Denmark on the return trip.

You will stay in a location near the team to which you are assigned. Many team members will stay in the homes of church members, a temporary apartment, etc.. As always, you must remain flexible.

Ukraine is in the midst of transition and change. Therefore, some things are either not available or they are in short supply. Transportation is sometimes unpredictable and perhaps uncomfortable. Almost all work teams will have to travel overland to their respective work sites. This travel will either be by train and/or motor vehicles. In some cases the overland travel will be time consuming and difficult.

There is very limited medical care in Ukraine. Persons with any type of medical problems or concerns should not go.

Come prepared physically, mentally, and spiritually and you will experience great blessings from the Lord as you work alongside your Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ.

For more information: Call (919) 467–5100 or (800) 395–5102.

## *1994 Ukraine Dates*

April 16–30
April 23–May 7
April 30–May 14
May 21–June 4
May 28–June 11
June 25–July 9
August 20–September 3
August 27–September 10
September 24–October 8
October 1–15
October 8–22
October 15–29
October 22–November 5
October 29–November 12
November 5–19



# Summer Sport Activities Listed

The newest N.C. Baptist Men's ministry—Sports in Missions—has begun with great excitement, opportunity, and expanding areas of possible involvement. As I returned from the 1994 N.C. Baptist Men's Convention, I found many laymen who have an interest and expertise in coaching and officiating sporting events. These people believe that through sports we can reach children, youth, and men with the challenge of becoming Christians and involve them in this and other Baptist Men's activities.

This July, the HSBYM basketball all-star team will go to St. Lucia, West Indies. (see p. 14)

Men and women coaches and officials are needed to use their talents and Christian witness in two exciting mission opportunities. The first is in Norfolk, VA for one week (July 10–15), for an all day sports camp in the inner city in basketball, baseball, football, softball, and volleyball. Cost is $150 per person.

The second summer trip is to Estes Park, Colo (July 30–Aug. 7) where we will be coaches for sports clinics with children and youth. (see p. 15)

We are looking for men who want to be a part of planning and implementing these and other sports missions through Baptist Men. If you want to be a part of our ministry contact your regional Brotherhood Director, or Jimmy Huffman at the office in Cary, or Gary Bowne at the below address. Take a leap of faith and become a part of sports in missions.

*Gary Bowne*
*State Sports Ministry Coordinator*
*237 32nd Ave., NW*
*Hickory, NC 28601*
*704–327–6282*

## Lad/Crusader RA Congress Is Apr. 16, 1994

The Lad/Crusader Royal Ambassador Congress for RAs in grades 1–6 will be held Saturday, Apr. 16. There will be three congresses conducted on the same day at different locations: East—Kennedy Home Campus, Kinston; Central—Baptist Children's Home, Thomasville; and West —Camp Ridgecrest, Black Mountain.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. The program for this year's congress will include: special music, a missionary presentation, program feature, the Mission Fair exhibit, and air rifle competition, field day events, the RA car competition, banner contest, and lunch on Saturday.

All boys must be registered to participate in any of the following events: field day events, mission fair, air rifle competition, RA car competition, or banner contest. Registration is from 8:15 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Plan to ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH TO ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME FOR REGISTRATION. Cost: $5 per person, which covers all program costs, trophies, and lunch.

To register for the Congress and any of the events, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

## Work Project Set June 26–July 1

Baptist Men will sponsor a project for 10 high school juniors and seniors, June 26–July 1, to renovate the Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville. This trip will cost $150 per person, which covers food, lodging, and travel. It will be limited to two (2) young men from any one church. If interested, check the appropriate item on the back page.

## Pioneer/HSBYM Plan Mission Trips

Baptist Men is sponsoring mission trips to Georgia, July 3–9 and to Colorado, July 30–Aug. 7 for boys in grades 7–12.

The Georgia trip will be a week of camp for inner-city youths from Atlanta held in the mountains in the northern part of the state. The cost of the week is $250 per person, which includes travel, meals and lodging.

The Colorado trip will be to Estes Park and consist mainly of conducting a sports clinic (basketball, baseball and soccer) for elementary children. There will also be some resort ministry programs conducted at Rocky Mountain National Park.The Cost is $975 per person, which includes airfare, meals and lodging.

If you are interested in either of the trips, check the appropriate item on the back page.

## State Track Meet Is May 14

The state track meet will be held at Southwest Randolph County High School, near Asheboro, May 14. Pioneers and High School Baptist Young Men associational winners are eligible for the state meet.

## Adult Campcraft Training Schedule Announced

Adult Campcraft Training for Royal Ambassador counselors and High School Baptist Young Men advisors will be held April 22–24, Sept. 16–18 and Oct. 21–23, Camp Caraway. This training will equip counselors to teach and lead successful, safe, and meaningful camping experiences.

There are three levels of instructions: Basic, Advanced, and Instructor, which will involve learning and teaching 12 camping skill areas. The cost is $35 per person. All participants must provide their own tent and sleeping bag. Sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

To register, complete the form on the back of this issue.

# Camp Caraway Begins 32nd Summer Season

Camp Caraway, Asheboro, will begin its 32nd summer of boys camp Monday, June 13.

The goal of Camp Caraway is to show each camper that he is a uniquely special individual because he was created by God and is loved by God. Therefore, each boy has something to offer.

The staff works with each boy to help him discover the limitless potential he has through Christ. Spiritual growth through Bible study, mission study, and devotions is combined with fun and challenging activities, such as canoeing, archery, air rifles, rappeling, and basketball, to show each camper that the Christian lifestyle is lived out 24 hours a day.

The key to Camp Caraway's summer program lies in the ability to hire an outstanding staff that

genuinely cares for each camper. These 25 dedicated young men work hard, believing that every camper deserves a counselor who cares for them just as Christ does.

The cost for a week at Camp Caraway is $90, which includes room, meals, accident insurance, program and staff supervision. The fee also includes a Caraway T-shirt for every boy. Each boy will need a modest amount of money for crafts, mission offering, other Caraway items, and snacks; $25 should be enough.

For more information and an application, check the appropriate item on the back page. For specific questions concerning the summer program, call Mark Abernathy at Baptist Men, (800) 395–5102.

Camp dates this year are: June 13–18, June 20–25, June 27–July 2, July 11–16, July 18–23, July 25–30, August 1–6 (closed — Camp Angel Tree).

# St. Lucia HSBYM Basketball Trip Is July 1–10

North Carolina Baptist Men is conducting a basketball evangelism trip July 1–10 to St. Lucia, West Indies. This trip will involve leading basketball clinics and playing basketball games with youth in another country. While leading clinics and playing games, Baptist young men will have opportunities for sharing their faith.

This team will be composed of ten young men who are currently in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grades in high school. These young men must be active in a North Carolina Baptist church and in their Christian faith as well as being very good basketball players. Applications must be completed and returned by April 10.

Initial tryouts will be held at the Pioneer/HSBYM Convention on March 25–26, 1994 at First Church, Greensboro. At the conclusion of all tryouts, ten team members and two alternates will be selected. The team will then meet once a month for training and practice.

Each person will be responsible to raise their own money for the trip. The cost for this trip will be approximately $1,200 per person, which covers all lodging, meals, airfare, uniforms, insurance, practice sessions, materials, etc. Each person will be responsible for providing for and keeping up with his personal spending money.

For more information and an application, please check the appropriate item on the back page.

# Lad Father/Son Mini-Weeks To Be Held At Camp Caraway

Once again this summer, Baptist Men will sponsor Father/Son Mini-Weeks July 4–6 and 7–9 for boys ages 6–8 and their fathers, grandfathers, or Lad counselors.

These exciting mini-weeks provide boys the chance to enjoy Camp Caraway at an early age without the fear of being away from family. While the staff of Camp Caraway leads the activities, the program for the mini-week is designed to provide one-on-one time between fathers and sons in Bible study, mission study, and worship. Archery, air rifles, canoeing, swimming, and a host of other fun activities are also enjoyed during mini-week sessions. There must be at least one adult per every three boys who attend camp.

The cost for the mini-week is $42 per person and includes a Caraway T-shirt. For more information and an application, check the appropriate item on the back page.

# North Carolina Christian High Adventure Offers Exciting Challenge

NC Baptist Men will offer nine weeks of Christian High Adventure (CHA) this summer. CHA offers an exciting and challenging Christian experience in backpacking in the rugged and scenic Appalachian Mountains. Backpacking skills such as trail procedures, clothing and equipment selection, trip planning, cooking, first aid, campsite selection, map and compass, and more, are taught by a trained and dedicated staff. One day of the week is spent rock climbing and rappeling. A strong emphasis is put on conservation and being a good steward of God's creation.

CHA dates are June 12–17, June 19–24, June 26–July 1, July 3–8, July 10–15, July 17–22, July 24–29, July 31–August 5, August 7–12.

Applications are being accepted now. Five weeks this summer are designated for young men only and four weeks are designated for youth groups. Cost of a CHA trip is $105 per person, which includes all equipment except boots and clothing.

For an application or more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

# "How Do I Fit In?" Is The Theme Of Pioneer/HSBYM Convention

The Pioneer/HSBYM Convention will be held March 25–26, First Church, Greensboro, beginning with registration at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.. Cost is $7 per person and includes lunch.

Special guests will be John Settles of the NFL and SBC Missionaries Marty and Melissa Childers, with music and entertainment by John Yates of Dacapo Ministries.

Baptist Men ministry conferences will be held Saturday morning with mission trip interviews and tryouts held later that day.

Contact the following hotels to make overnight reservations:

- Comfort Inn (Exit 217–A)
  (910) 294-6220
  Rate — $45.00
  (4 persons per room)
- Hampton Inn (Exit 217-A)
  (910) 294–9922
  Rate — $55.00
  (4 persons per room)

To receive an application form, check the appropriate item on the back page.

## Training Events for RA Leaders

***Church Brotherhood Training Conference***
***Aug. 12–13 at Caraway Conference Center***
*(see article on p. 5)*

***Abernathy Named New State RA Director***
*(see article on p. 5)*

***"Corn For Croatia" Project***
*(see article on p. 6)*

### *Thanks Willard!!*

*For the past several years Willard Finch has come to Cary from his home in Winterville several times each month to do necessary work to keep Lay Renewal ministries running smoothly. This has been a drain on his time, and is at his expense. We in Lay Renewal and Baptist Men owe him a great debt of gratitude. As the new state coordinator for Lay Renewal, I hope to be able to do much of this work myself and allow Willard to do more in his many other areas of service.*

*I have a computer and fax machine in my home and since I'm retired, I have the time to spend in doing this ministry. However, I'm not letting Willard off that easily. I have asked Willard to be the Lay Renewal consultant for eastern North Carolina.*

*Again, only God knows the value Willard has been and continues to be for Lay Renewal. I am looking forward to working with Willard and all of you as we each seek God's will for our lives and for Lay Renewal.*

*In His Service,*
*Cameron Norris*

# CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

*Spring 1994, For additional information and registration, check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to: North Carolina Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, N.C. 27512-1107*

## TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION

- ❑ Annual Church Brotherhood Training Conference, (p. 5)

N.C. Baptist Men's Hats @ $7 (four colors available) (p. 5)

- ❑ Purple *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
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- ❑ White *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
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*+ Shipping/Handling 50¢*

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N.C. Baptist Men T-shirts @ $5 (p.5)

- ❑ Adult M *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
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## TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES

- ❑ Annual Church Brotherhood Training Conference, Aug. 12–13, Caraway Conference Center (Cost: $35/person)
  #_____ persons @ $35 = Total $_____
- ❑ Lay Renewal Celebration, June 17–18, Caraway Conference Center (Cost: $35/person)
  #_____ persons @ $????? = Total 4_____

Lad/Crusader RA Congress, Apr. 16, (Cost: $5/person — includes program costs, trophies and lunch), *Registration from 8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.*

- ❑ East (Kennedy Home Campus, Kinston
- ❑ Central (Baptist Children's Home, Thomasville)
- ❑ West (Camp Ridgecrest, Black Mountain)

#_____ persons @ $5 - Total $_____

Adult Campcraft Training Schedule, Camp Caraway, (Cost: $35/person — *All participants must provide their own tent and sleeping bag.*)

- ❑ April 22–24 #_____ persons @ $35 = Total $_____
- ❑ Sept. 16–18 #_____ persons @ $35 = Total $_____
- ❑ Oct. 21–23 #_____ persons @ $35 = Total $_____

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